

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0-031] as follows:

[0032] While **FIGS. 1** and **5** illustrate a network processor and a device incorporating one or more network processors, it will be appreciated that the systems and methods described herein can be implemented using other hardware, firmware, and/or software. Software may be a computer program package embodied on a computer readable medium, for example. In addition, the techniques described herein may be applied in a wide variety of network devices (e.g., routers, switches, bridges, hubs, traffic generators, and/or the like).